



The Elba Lion's Club recently held Officer Inductions for the 2007-2008 Officers. Conducting the ceremony was VDG Sylvia Acosta, District Governor 34S. Her husband, PCC Yamandu Acosta, was also in attendance. They are part of the Lion's Club Latin American Extension Team. Pictured above (l to r) are: PCC Yamandu Acosta, Immediate Past President Steve Toliver, VDG Sylvia Acosta, Secretary Bob Glover, President L.C. Cook, Lion Tamer Willie English, Membership Chairman Charlie Jordan, Tail Twister Terry Calhoun, and Treasurer James Kelley.

Preparing for the Hurricane Season Before Storms Makes Clean Up Easier

The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a more active-than-normal Atlantic hurricane season this year. According to NOAA, there is a 75% chance that there will be 13 to 17 named storms of which 3-5 will be major hurricanes (Category 3 or higher). For residents of storm-prone areas, using chainsaws, power generators, and other pieces of outdoor power equipment (OPE) can help to get back to normal life quickly and easily after the storm. The keys to cleaning up after a storm are being prepared before the storm hits and using equipment in a safe and proper manner. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) Education & Research Foundation offers these reminders.

Preparing for the storm season:

- Make sure you have the right equipment to handle post-storm clean up.
- Check existing equipment to make sure it's in good working order.
- Get repairs done in advance of a storm or consider purchasing new equipment.
- Consult the owner's manual for maintenance and safety warnings.
- Make sure you have adequate fuel and that the fuel is stored properly.
- For chain saw use, make sure you have gloves, eye and ear protection.
- After the storm:

 - DO NOT operate power generators in enclosed areas. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can become concentrated in enclosed areas and cause serious injury or death.
 - For chainsaw operation:

 - Keep children and pets out of the work area.
 - Handle gas carefully and don't overfill.
 - Keep hands and feet away from ANY moving parts.
 - Wear proper footwear, snug clothing, gloves and eye/ear protection.
 - Do not overreach.
 - Secure your footing and plan retreat path.
 - Watch for "kick-back", a violent reactive force propelling the cutting bar back toward the operator.

Avoid excessive exercise during this extremely hot weather

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With a 3-4 split vote

Coffee County Commission says "no" to request from C.C. Firefighters Association

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In a split vote Monday, Aug. 13, Coffee County Commissioners chose not to show their support for sending a proposed Emergency Services Act to Coffee County voters for their approval or disapproval.

Joseph McCollough, president of the Coffee County Firefighters Association, made a presentation during the regular bi-monthly Commission meeting regarding the proposed Emergency Services Act.

During his remarks, McCollough said he was bringing the issue before the commission to ask only for their support in getting the legislature to put the act on ballot for Coffee County voters to decide it's fate.

If approved by voters, McCollough said the proposed Emergency Services Act would levy a \$30/year fire protection and emergency medical service fee on dwellings and commercial buildings within the county boundaries. He said there would be exemptions to the fee including anyone having an income less than \$12,000, any farm buildings and any public build-

"This is something we desperately need," McCollough said. Other than monies from a tobacco tax, McCollough said the fire department in the Coffee County Firefighters Association have little or no incoming revenue. He said many of the departments have to rely on grants to get new fire

To be eligible for funds from this proposed act, McCollough said the fire departments must be a member of the Coffee County Firefighters Association, and EMS services must be under contract with the Coffee County Commission.

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license suspension. A third offense will be punishable with a \$500-\$1,000 fine, 200 hours of community service, and a 90-day driver license suspension. A fourth offense is considered a Class "C" felony and is punishable with a \$1,000-\$3,000 fine and a 1-year driver license suspension.

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Alabama's School Bus Stop Law enacted last October

Motorists urged to put "safety first" around school buses

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Each school year, numerous students hop on school buses each day in order to get to and from school, and Elba City Schools transportation supervisor Wesley DeVane says safety is the number one priority.

"We stress safety to all of our drivers and to all of the kids each year," said DeVane.

He said one of the main safety topics is Alabama's School Bus Stop Law, which was enacted in October, 2006.

The law states that "the driver of a vehicle upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children on a highway, on a roadway, on school property, or upon a private road shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop before reaching the school bus."

"This law is for the safety of all students that ride a bus to and from school each day," said DeVane. "Our drivers do take down tag numbers of those who illegally pass a school bus and pass them on to law enforcement officials who will take appropriate action."

According to the School Bus Stop Law, the first offense is punishable with a \$150-\$300 fine. The second offense will be punishable with a \$300-\$500 fine, 100 hours community service, and a 30-day driver

license suspension. A third offense will be punishable with a \$500-\$1,000 fine, 200 hours of community service, and a 90-day driver license suspension. A fourth offense is considered a Class "C" felony and is punishable with a \$1,000-\$3,000 fine and a 1-year driver license suspension.

"We ask that everyone pay close attention to buses, especially when children are loading or unloading the buses," said DeVane. "Nothing is more important than the safety of the children who ride those buses."

DeVane also said the new school year has gotten off to a good start. For the second consecutive year, he said buses are being color-coded. An example of this would be that Bus 4 is represented by a purple dot.

"Kids may not remember that they ride

Please See BUS SAFETY, Page 12

Two female subjects arrested

Sheriff's Department and ABC officials locate meth lab in county

3rd HBCT cooks take the cake in Iron Chef Competition

by Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

A joint effort between the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Alabama ABC Board officers recently resulted in the discovery of a methamphetamine lab located on Coffee County Road 355.

Investigators with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and ABC Board arrested two female subjects Friday, Aug. 10, in connection with this laboratory.

Melinda Rodriguez and Sherry Kilcrease Moseley each

were arrested and charged with manufacturing a controlled substance, first degree and trafficking in methamphetamine.

According to officials, the investigators conducted surveillance for several hours prior to making contact at the residence at 347 County Road 355. Both Rodriguez and Moseley reportedly fled from the scene as investigators approached the residence.

While pursuing the two subjects, investigators found several bags that contained items

related to the manufacture of methamphetamine.

The Alabama Department of Public Health has received reports of eight heat-related deaths between August 10 and 17 with one additional case under investigation.

The fatalities have been reported in the following counties:

Autauga, Chilton, Coffee, Elmore,

Henry, Montgomery and Morgan.

There is one fatal under investigation in Mobile County.

Alabama hospitals have reported to the health department that 148 individuals have presented with heat-related problems.

Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer, said, "We are most concerned with individuals living in homes without air conditioning. We ask the public to contact elderly friends and family to make arrangements to assist them."

Although anyone at any age can suffer heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk

than others. The risk for heat-related illness and death may increase among people using certain drugs, tranquilizers and diuretics.

People aged 65 or older are particularly susceptible to heat-related illnesses and complications that can result during periods of high temperatures and humidity.

Temperatures reaching triple digits have become common the past few weeks as the area has

experienced a severe heat-wave.

Based on the severity of the weather, the health department recommends during the heat of the day that the public follow these preventive measures to avoid heat illnesses:

• Take frequent breaks in an air-conditioned area.

• Drink more fluids, and avoid beverages containing alcohol or caffeine.

• Persons without air conditioning may wish to take cool showers or baths to cool down.

• Never leave pets or people in parked vehicles when temperatures are high.

NOTICE

The Elba City Schools Board of Education has issued a notice to parents that the school system will be closed on Aug. 24 due to a lack of staff. The school system will remain closed until further notice. The school system will remain closed until further notice.

Area Happenings

Lee Crowder joined the Coffee County EMS team one year ago. He serves as an EMT-Basic/Driver.

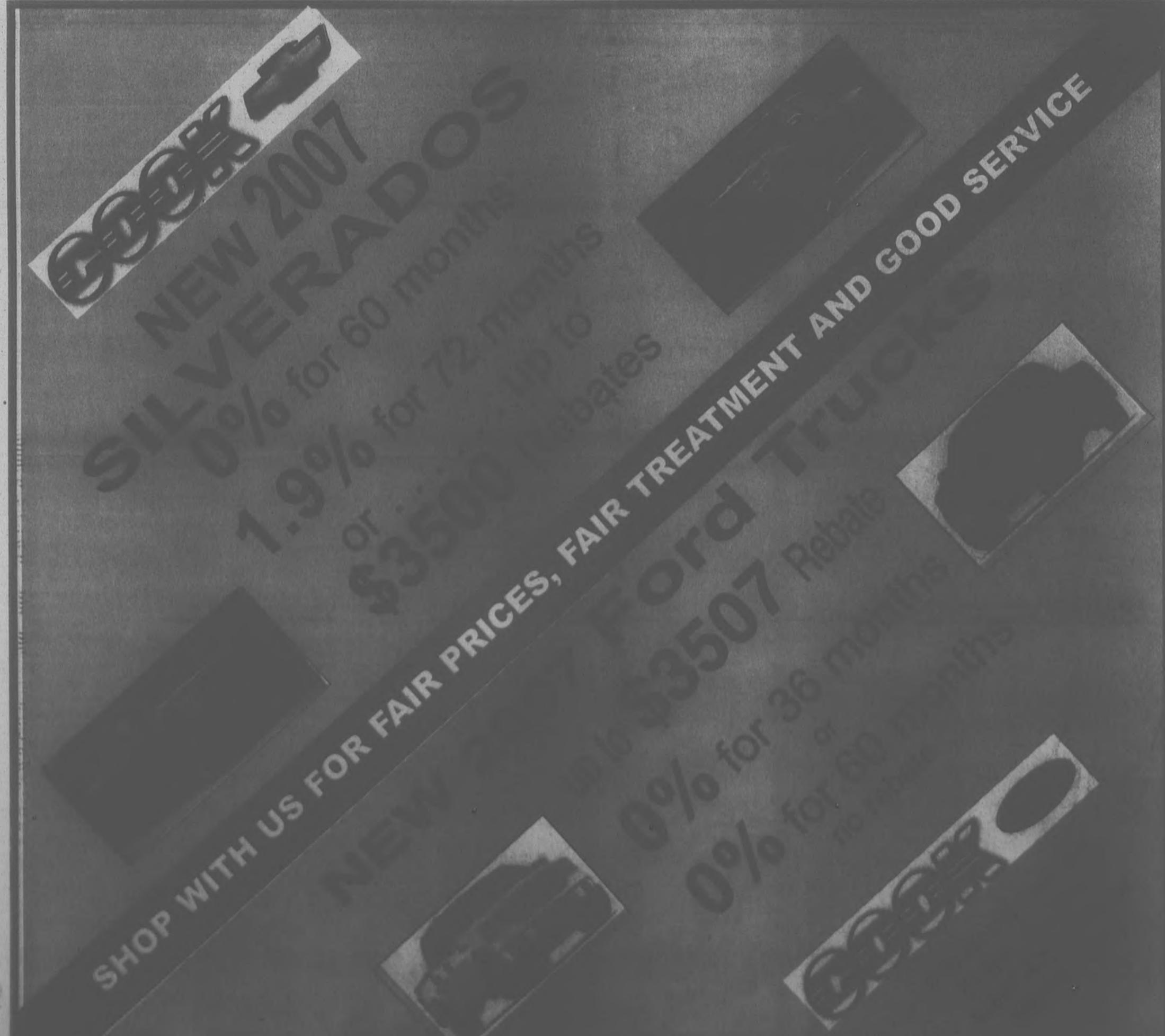
Crowder's training includes CPR and Basic Life Support. He also said he is a paramedic student currently enrolled at LBW Community College.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job, he said, "Helping others."

Crowder said his most memorable experience on the job came on the day when an Army helicopter went down at Skelly Field. He added that he hopes to continue another exciting year serving the citizens of Elba.

Lee said his hobbies include playing pool.

EMT-Basic/Driver Lee Crowder



EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The dry, hot weather Alabama has been blessed with this summer has long passed the point of being funny. This is serious business. Farmers are watching helplessly as their crops dry up, electric generating plants are needing to produce more power but the shortage of water is causing them problems at their hydro plants. Also the extreme heat is causing overheating at their other generating facilities. Even the nuclear plants are suffering from the heat. Then on Saturday our internet went down, reportedly because an air conditioner overheated and failed, causing a bunch of servers to crash. There will be more crashing when residents start getting their bills for the period of all that record setting triple digit heat.

It is a sure indication of citizens getting desperate for relief when Elba folks are heard wishing a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico would come this way! Usually after a few seconds of reflection, they modify their comments and just wish for the rain, not the whole accompanying windstorm.

We guess it is good when the government officially declares the state or county a drought disaster area. It means farmers can borrow low interest money ... those farmers who can't get money anywhere else. If you have good credit, have paid some, or all, of your bills, this deal is not for you. However don't get too weepy for those who are not eligible for the low interest loans, just think about the local people who took advantage of the disaster loans after the Elba floods. Many of them will tell you today that they would never mess with the fed's so called bargains again. Some got out from under those loans soon as could be, others are still fighting the battles on a month to month basis.

In recent years it has become all to frequent for hungry people to find it hard to locate a place to eat in Elba if the hours were a bit odd or surely if it was a holiday. That may be getting better in the coming months if just half of the rumors of what is planned for the community becomes reality. Right now strong rumors of three new eating facilities are floating around town.

The public schools are apparently off to a good start this year. There have been no major automobile accidents relating to the schools nor have we heard of anything but the routine "first day" problems ... actually you could call them glitches or just minor hiccups.

For several days now we have been hearing rumors that Governor Riley is feeling out legislators about the possibility of a special legislative session sometime this fall. Right now we think his main concern is getting them back in session without a repeat of the political lockdown which ate up most of the regular session earlier this year. It is possible. The reason is that a special session is usually a very limited subject affair and that eliminates much of the behind the scenes bickering which can destroy a regular session. However, on second thought nothing may work right now with the governor pushing his new rules on "double dipping".

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 6, 2007, investigated the following incidents: five for domestic violence, one for criminal mischief, two for harassment, six for burglary, one for a cat bite, one for rape, one for a private property accident, one for trespassing, one for assault, one for menacing and one for theft of property.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence and two for criminal trespassing.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 13 - Domestic disturbance reported in Burch's Trailer Court (3:00 a.m.); Burglary reported at 331 Dunham Ave. (3:19 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 - Coffee County EMS Dispatched to 33875 Hwy. 87 (2:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS Dispatched to 33814 Hwy. 87 (4:20 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Herman Driggers Dr. (6:34 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 901 Smith Ave. (8:33 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 - Prowler reported at 631 Jackson St. (2:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS Dispatched to 1595 County Rd. 437 (6:43 a.m.); Coffee County EMS Dispatched to 2851 Marilyn St. (8:53 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported

**Celebrating 50 years of business
Elba Rotary Club members hear presentation on Kelley Foods of Alabama**

By Linda Hodge, Editor

Everett Kelley served as guest speaker of a recent Elba Rotary Club meeting, and he utilized his time to reflect on 50 years of business for Kelley Foods of Alabama.

As Kelley took the Rotary club members on a journey of Kelley Foods, he said the business was founded on the advantage of a close-knit family, and that continues to be a strong part of the company today. He also noted that Kelley Foods has always been blessed with an excellent team of committed employees.

The Kelley family first ventured into the food industry in 1957 as a meat processing facility making products such as hams and smoked sausages after purchasing Windham Packing Company.

Kelley said a fire that destroyed the plant in the early 1960s nearly put an end to Kelley Foods before it got started good. However, he said he and his brothers needed a job so they decided to rebuild, and the company reopened in February of 1963.

In 1989, Kelley said the company changed its name from the Elba Packing Company to Kelley Foods of Alabama.

Through the years, Kelley Foods has transformed from a small meat processing facility back in 1957 into a multi-million dollar manufacturer and broad-line foodservice distributor in the southeast in 2007. Some of the quality manufac-

tured meat products found in retail accounts today include(s): smoked sausage, ham, turkey, bacon, luncheon meats, dinner dogs, etc.

According to Kelley, the company employed approximately 10 full-time people in 1958 as compared to approximately 170 full-time employees in 2006. Also, he said sales in 1958 were about \$263,000 as compared to approximately \$63 million in 2006.

Kelley said the goal for sales in 2010 is reach \$100 million.

"When the company burned, I never in my wildest dreams imagined our company would be what it is today," said Kelley.

Kelley Foods of Alabama today sales over 5,500 items within 26 different categories from meat products and produce to desserts, paper and supplies. Kelley's initial customer base included mainly e-store and grocery store accounts, but over the years the company has expanded to restaurants, healthcare facilities, schools, delis, day cares, churches, country clubs and other foodservice establishments to their customer base.

The distribution area expands out over 150 miles from Elba including central and south Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and southwest Georgia.

At the conclusion of Mr. Kelley's presentation during the club meeting, several Rotary



Everett Kelley (center) served as guest speaker during a recent Elba Rotary Club meeting. Rotarian Kaye Whitworth (left) asked Kelley to speak at the meeting to discuss 50 years of business for Kelley Foods of Alabama and the success the company has experienced. Also pictured above is Rotary Club president Keith Reineke.

members extended thanks to the Kelley family in the community.

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• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 8 p.m. - City

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church on side of W. 1st Street - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church

• COOPER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Building - 7 p.m. - Elba, AL 36323

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - School Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Elba, AL 36323

• COOPER COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• COOPER COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. - Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 p.m. - PBO office in the rear of the building

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. - Elba Senior Center

• OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

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Dear Editor,

Some of your readers might know how it is to live in a rural area away from the noise and lights of the city. It is quiet, peaceful and dark at night like God intended. Your neighbors don't tend their business. Then someone sees dollar signs. The very air you enjoy in the countryside will be poisoned with the foul odor of chicken manure. Your children can no longer play outdoors without risking sickness. Simple things like grilling outdoors will no longer be a pleasure.

If you are a reader of this letter very funny please go ahead and laugh. The company behind this will soon start a major increase in production of birds. When someone decides to put some poultry houses next door to me, let me know if you are still laughing. There used to be a word in the dictionary, courtesy. It has been replaced

with dollar signs. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Respectfully,
Bella Gunter

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Dear Editor,

The Elba High School classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970 will meet again this year to continue a tradition that we thought would be lots of fun for these former classmates.

We meet each year at Homecoming to ride in the parade and have a cookout at First Financial (across from Cook Chevrolet).

Those who will be attending may contact us by calling Kaye (Mack) Whitworth at 897-3669 or 897-3125; Kenneth Grantham at 897-3737; or Kenneth Grantham at 897-0328.

We look forward to hearing from each of you. And, don't forget to bring your folding chairs!

Kaye Whitworth

EHS Class of 1970

behind the "old Elba High School" to ride in the parade (look for the big, gray bus). If you cannot ride in the parade, come and join us for the cookout at First Financial (across from Cook Chevrolet).

Graveside services were held Aug. 22, 2007 in Parkhill Cemetery.

Survivors include four chil-

dren: Matt Henderson (wife Linda), Smith Station, Ala., Karen Woods (husband Daniel), Columbus, Lance Henderson (wife Wendy), Columbus, Beth Cory, Covington, Ga.; one sister: Mildred "Mickey" Knight, Columbus; and 12 grandchildren.

PRESTON M. HENDERSON

Mr. Preston M. Henderson, age 71, of Columbus, Ga., died Sunday, August 19, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital.

Graveside services were held Aug. 22, 2007 in Parkhill Cemetery.

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ROBERT EARL WATSON

Mr. Robert Earl Watson, age 67, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Southeast Medical Center, Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Aug. 21, 2007 at the Elba Church of God with Brother Ron Stallard officiating.

Arrangements were directed by Coleman Funeral Home, Elba.

Survivors include his wife: Mary E. Watson, Elba; his father: Emmitt Watson, Elba;

LIFESTYLES

Time to register for Girl Scouts Troop

Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama, Inc. is currently holding registration evenings at many of the local schools including Pinedale Elementary, Rucker Boulevard Elementary and Elba Elementary. Flyers will be sent home with girls informing all of what day and time registration will be held.

Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama, Inc. is also looking for adult volunteers from all backgrounds to work with girls.

Anyone interested in joining Girl Scouts or volunteering can call (334) 347-1965.



McGehee - Culpepper wedding planned for November 10th

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson McGehee of Birmingham announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Robert Franklin Culpepper, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin Culpepper, Jr. of Pleasant Hill, Alabama.

The wedding is planned for November 10, 2007 at Saint Mary's on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Miss McGehee is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr. of Elba, Alabama, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Slaughter McGehee of Montevallo, Alabama. She is a graduate of Mountain Brook

High School. She attended Rhodes College and is a graduate of Auburn University. Miss McGehee was presented at the Beaux Arts Krewe Ball and the Ball of Roses. She is employed in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Culpepper is the grandson of Mr. Robert Franklin Culpepper, Sr. and the late Mrs. Culpepper of Pleasant Hill, Alabama, and Mrs. Lester Aubrey Smith, Sr. and the late Mr. Smith of Selma, Alabama.

He is a graduate of John T. Morgan Academy and Auburn University. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Mr. Culpepper is employed in Selma, Alabama.

Christopher Heath Cox Jr. celebrated his fourth birthday (Aug. 15) with a "Batman" party Saturday, Aug. 11, at his home in Opelika, Ala.

Several family members and friends were present to help the birthday boy celebrate his big day. A special guest in attendance for the party was Christopher's great-grandmother, Vivian Randolph.

Christopher is the son of Chris and Penny Cox of Opelika. His grandparents are Ferri and Hedy Cox of Elba, Linda Tice Randolph of Anniston, Ala. and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Randolph of North Huntingdon, Pa.

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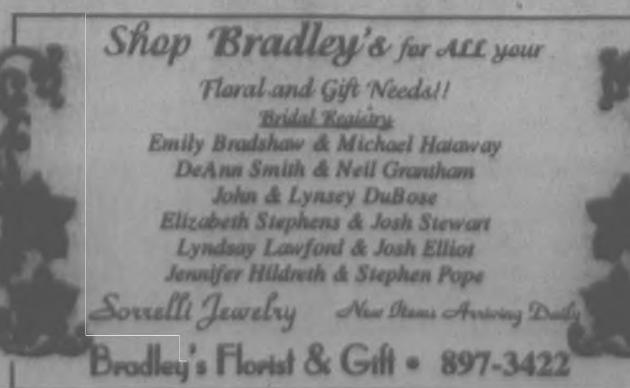
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Miss Lyndsay Lawford and Mr. Joshua Elliot to be united in holy matrimony on October 6th

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lawford of Elba announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lyndsay Kathryn to Joshua Seth Elliott, son of Perry and Brenda Elliott of Enterprise.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Dorothy Taylor and the late John B. Taylor, Sr. of Enterprise and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lawford of Elba.

Lyndsay is a 2005 graduate of Elba High School and a 2007 graduate of Auburn University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science.

The future groom is the grandson of June Tucker and the late Jimmy Tucker of Niceville, Florida, and Seth and Louise Elliott of Enterprise, Alabama; the great grandson of Daniel McNew of Melbourne, Fla.

Josh is a 2003 graduate of Enterprise High School and a 2007 graduate of Auburn University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy and Soils. He is employed with the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The wedding will be held on October 6, 2007 at Ino Baptist Church in Kinston, Alabama at 4:00 p.m. A reception will follow at Lake Lure in Elba, Alabama. No local invitations will be mailed but all family and friends are invited to come and share in this joyous occasion.



Miss Lawford & Mr. Elliott

LBWCC to offer Ballroom Swing Class

LBW Community College will offer a six week *Ballroom Swing Class*, taught by Amy Henderson, on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Classes begin Thursday, August 30, 2007 in the Jeff Bishop Student Center on the Andalusia Campus.

This fun class for beginners will cover a classic swing step, some advanced swing moves, and the Charleston. Students will learn dance floor etiquette, partnering skills, pairing music and mood with moves, and how to apply swing to a variety of different music styles. No partner is required!

The cost of the course is \$50.00. Those interested in having fun while learning a few new steps should register before Wednesday, August 29, 2007. For more information or to register contact Jan Riley in the Andalusia Campus Admissions Office at (334) 222-2281.

Skills in keyboarding, electronic calculations, medical machine transcription, office management, career and professional development, word processing, office internship, and database concepts are still open for registration. For more information about these courses, how to be admitted to the College, or how to register for fall semester, go online at www.eccc.edu or call (334) 347-2623.



Miss Roberts & Mr. Williams

Miss Roberts and Mr. Williams announce September wedding plans

Gary Roberts of Opp and Debbie Roberts of Andalusia announced the engagement of their daughter, Nina Roberts to Chad Williams, son of Danny Williams of Elba and Judy Key of North Carolina.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roberts and Richard Foster and Charlotte Marsh of Opp.

She is a 2007 graduate of Opp High School. She is currently attending LBWCC/Troy University to receive her bachelor degree

in education. She is currently employed by the City of Opp.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Williams of Elba.

He is a 2006 graduate of Elba High School and is currently employed by Global SantaFe offshore.

The wedding will be at 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2007 at Ino Baptist Church.

No local invitations will be sent, but all friends and family are invited to attend.



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Stephens-Stewart wedding planned for Saturday, October 27th

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stephens of Elba, Alabama announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Gayle to Joshua Mark Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stewart of Elba, Alabama.

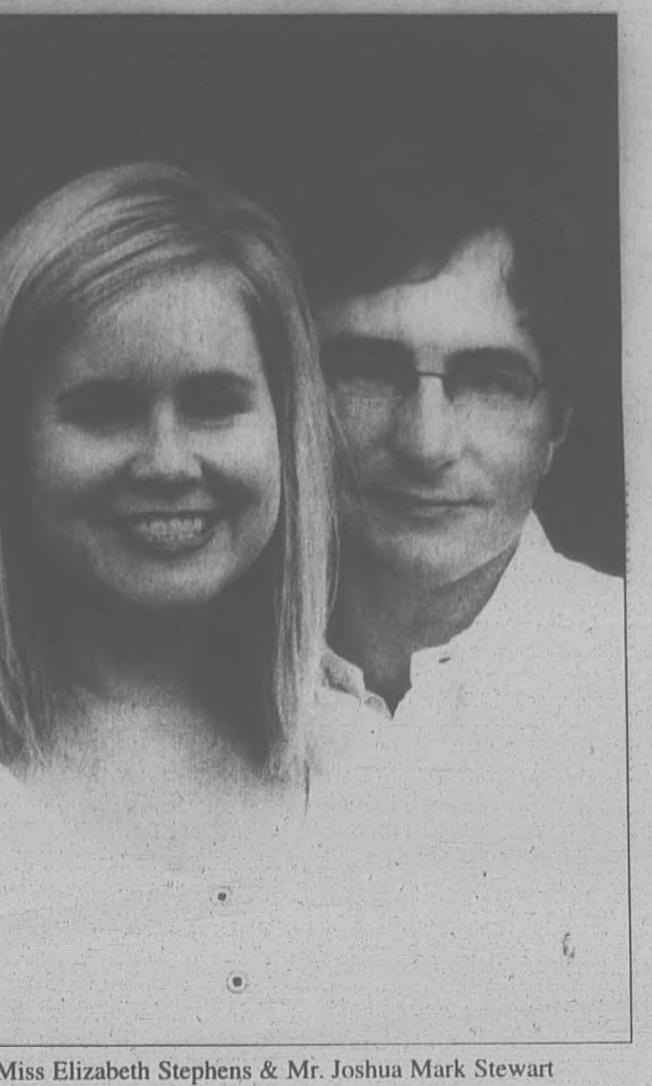
Mr. Stephens is the grandson of Mrs. Frances Jacobs and the late Mr. Richard Jacobs and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewey Stephens, Jr. of Elba, Alabama.

She is a graduate of Elba High School and Troy University. She is currently employed with Enterprise City Schools.

Mr. Stewart is the grandson of Mrs. Winnie Stewart and the late Mr. Donald Stewart of Troy, Alabama and the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie B. Stewart of Elba, Alabama.

He is a graduate of Enterprise High School and Enterprise State Junior College and attended Auburn University. He is employed in Enterprise.

The wedding will be held October 27, 2007 at five o'clock in the evening at the Elba United Methodist Church. A reception will immediately follow at the Olde South Inn. All friends and family are invited to attend.



Miss Elizabeth Stephens & Mr. Joshua Mark Stewart

Miss Emily Bradshaw, honored with Sunday afternoon bridal tea

Emily Bradshaw, bride-elect of Michael Hataway, was honored with a bridal tea August 19, 2007 at the Olde South Inn in Elba, Alabama. Wedding bells on the front door welcomed the guests. The inn was beautifully decorated throughout with crystal candelabras. A refreshment

of a fresh fruit medley, strawberries, cheese straws, petit fours, miniature chicken salad sandwiches, and punch was served.

Hostesses for the event were Karen Battle, Lee Beasley,

Gariene Brown, Jan Butts,

Martha Davis, Kathy Dowling,

Sonya Dyess, Kathy Evans, Sue

Ann German, Janet Hataway,

Daffie Hendrick, Suzanne

Henley, Lynn Hester, Sue

Jernigan, Judy Salter, Pam

Smith, Jean Spurlock, Dottie

Strickland, and Elaine

Williamson. A refreshment



SAM L. COLEMAN

Army National Guard Sgt. Sam L. Coleman has been mobilized and activated for a future deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Carla Roberts, daughter of Danny and Terrie Morris of Enterprise has been selected as a finalist in the Pre-Teen Alabama Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held September 1, 2007 at the Sheridan Hotel in Birmingham, AL.

Pre-Teen Alabama is a by-invitation only Scholarship and Recognition even involving young ladies 7 to 12 years of age based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities.

Coleman is a cavalry scout with 18 years of military service.

His wife, Tracey, is the daughter of Annie P. Smith of Elba, Ala.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Carla is the daughter of Jerry and Gloria Roberts, and the granddaughter of Thelma K. Williamson and the late Rob Williamson of Rutledge, AL.

Carla is a graduate of Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2011. She will begin veterinary school this August.

This class will start on Sunday, September 2. Sunday School starts at 9 a.m. and meets

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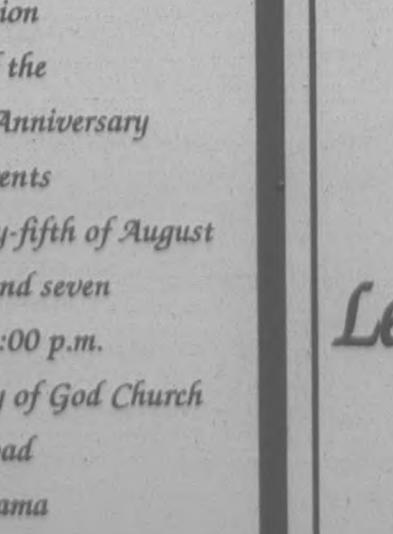
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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder

New dress code/school rules implemented for 2007-08 year

by April Price

After a long and hot summer, Elba High School students were faced with surprising news when they began school Thursday, Aug. 9.

With a new principal, Shane Casey, and new faculty, students learned they were also getting new dress codes and school rules.

As before, the dress code includes that stu-

dents must wear their shirts tucked in, and pants must be worn at the natural waistline.

Although girls' clothing is designed to fit differently than guys', the dress code also recommends that if girls' shirts are extremely long, they too must tuck in their shirts.

Sports shorts may be worn only during the students' P.E. time unless they have pockets. Bellies, cleavage and backs

must be completely covered, and spaghetti string tops are not allowed.

For the new school rules, cell phones are now allowed, but they must be turned off. In the past, tardies were considered as just another "school rule."

Now, students may not exceed three tardies per class.

The first referral is one day ISS, followed by a week of driver suspension or two days ISS for the second referral, leading to a

month of driver suspension or three days ISS for the third referral. After three referrals, students will face suspension from school, and on the fifth referral they will be referred to juvenile court.

On a more positive note, Elba High School students were proud to learn their usual four-minute intervals between classes were increased to five minutes.

Three-day camp held for Elba Tiger football team

by Erica Daniels

The Elba Tigers held a camp July 30th - Aug. 1st at Elba High School.

The camp went great, and our players had a great time," said Coach Scott Rials. "It was an outstanding camp. We came out of camp unified, and it was a

good bonding experience."

Coach Rials said during the camp were furnished by Elba Church of Christ, Covenant Community Church and Terry Spicer.

"The meals were excellent," he said.

The Tigers also attended the Jacksonville State football camp

Marching Tiger Band holds annual rookie/band camp

by Kimberly Blue

As the last days of July came near, seventh grade band students, also known as rookies, started getting ready for rookie camp.

Rookie camp was held for new seventh grade band members and older band members who had never marched before. This particular camp started July 23 and ended July 25.

There were approximately five seventh graders and two older band members who attended the camp. The new marchers learned the basic marching techniques, while being in the blistering sun.

The "rookies" were very prepared as they entered the band

practice field with the remaining band on July 26 when full band camp began.

On July 26, 27, and Aug. 1, the band was at camp from 8 a.m. - Noon and 2 - 5 p.m. On

July 30, 31, and Aug. 2, the band was at practice from 8 a.m. - Noon, 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m.

The camp intensified as the band was marching and playing the opener on the field by the third day of camp. The band worked

hard, and members were very tired after the long days.

On Thursday, Aug. 2, the band held two traditional events that had always taken place at the end of camp in the past years: rookie initiation and the water gun fight.

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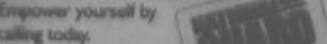
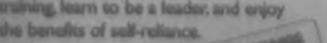
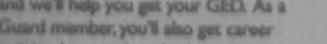
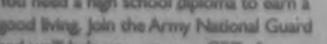
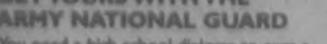
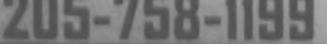
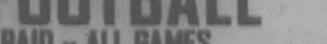
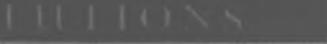
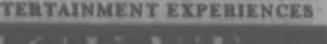
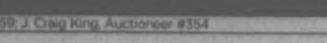
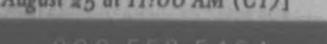
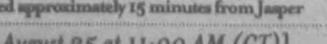
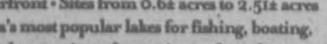
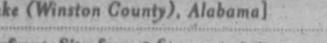
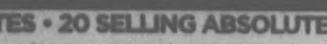
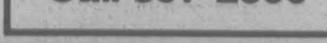
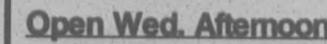
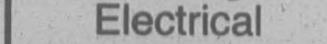
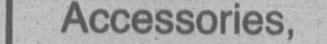
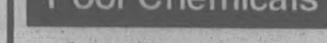
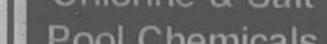
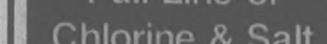
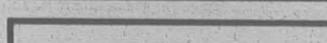
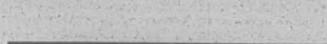
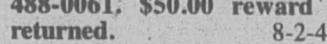
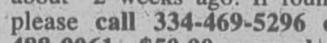
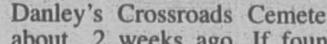
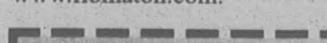
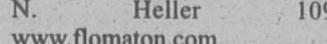
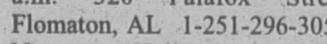
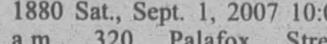
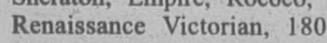
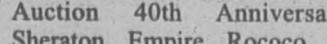
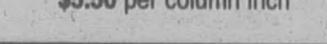
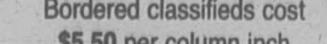
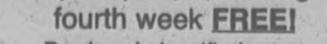
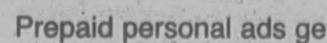
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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I used to think it was a long ride from Elba to Troy, but after making the trip seven times in the past ten days to help the girls get their apartment set up, I have changed my mind. The trip is now split into thirds, with one part being the ride from Elba to Zion Chapel, the second leg from Zion Chapel to Spring Hill, and the third being from Spring Hill to Troy. Once you get one leg out of the way, the others seem to just fly by.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers will host the Goshen Eagles Friday night in their annual preseason game, and while the site of the game has changed from Mill Memorial to Tiger Stadium, the emotions will be the same as the Tigers and their fans will be fired up and excited to get another season underway. Coach Scott Rials and his staff have worked the team hard throughout the summer in an attempt to get the players bigger, faster and stronger, and this week everyone in attendance will get their own chance to judge first hand just what kind of shape we're in.

The face Elba has only 27 players in grades 10-12 is a little scary. However, the Tigers will be able to experience on both sides of the ball, and if they can avoid an injury bug, their experience could go a long way in helping them post a winning record. Goshen may not be as strong as many of the teams on Elba's schedule, but the Eagles have a very talented team and there is no doubt they aren't just coming down here to cash a check.

Geneva County knocked off the Tigers last season in the preseason contest and rode into the regular season as they rolled into the playoffs, and I am convinced the Goshen coaches feel the same way, and think a win over Elba could give their team a shot of confidence that could lead to bigger and better things. This one will be much more than just a preseason scrimmage, and I predict it will be a tough, hard-hitting game between two teams that will play to win.

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In Friday's preseas...

Elba Tigers will play to win against Goshen

The Elba Tigers will give their fans a preview of things to come Friday night when they host the Goshen Eagles in a pre-season game at Tiger Stadium, on the campus of Elba High School.

The two junior high teams will meet in the opening quarter of the contest, while the varsity squads will take the field for the final three quarters.

"We are going to get every player in the game and make certain we have everyone in the right place," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "but at the same time we are going to try and win the game. It has been a hot summer and all the players that stuck with us deserve the chance to get on the field to show us what they can do in an actual game. The coaches will make sure everyone gets in the game. However, we know Goshen will come down here looking to take home a win, and we will also play hard and give our players a chance to win the ball game."

The three-quarter varsity game will be a regulation high school contest, complete with kicking, and will be timed as an actual game.

"We decided to include the kicking game as well because that could snap the ball and kick off in an actual game before the season started," added Coach Rials. "In years past we didn't kick in the pre-season games and I think it will be much more than just a pre-season scrimmage, and I predict it will be a tough, hard-hitting game between two teams that will play to win."

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RONALD MCKINNON



Elba Tiger offensive line coach Tim Brown works on fundamentals with players at a recent practice. The Tigers will host Goshen Friday night in a pre-season football game at Tiger Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM.

(Mike Capps photo)

points on the scoreboard."

The Tigers will return quarterback Trey Martin and running back Carlos Matias in the offensive backfield, an explosive 1-2 punch that helped Elba win four of its final seven games last season. Receivers Gavin Repress, Don Rhodes, Dylan McCollough all return from last season, as do linemen Cordell Hooks and Martin McCormick.

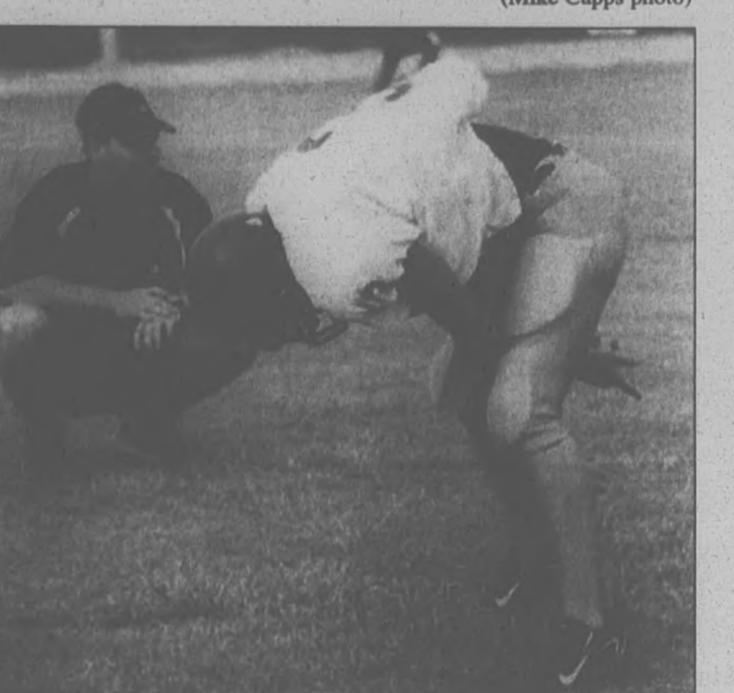
"On defense we will play a lot

of folks and make certain we have some guys on that side of the ball that will be aggressive and will hit you," added Coach Rials. "Coach Free has worked his people hard on being aggressive and getting to the football, and even though we have lots of work left to do, we all feel better about the defense than we did this time last season. The players have had a year and an off-season to get used to the system in place and this year should be able to play well, feed well, and get too much about what they are supposed to do."

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Elba defensive coordinator Rudy Free works with the team's long snapper during a recent practice session. Elba will host Goshen Friday night in a pre-season game and then open the regular season on Aug. 31 at home against Brantley.

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During Coffee County Commission meeting

Commissioner Berne Brooks proposes the establishment of a department of leisure services

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Aug. 13, Commissioner Berne Brooks addressed an issue he said he feels is a serious problem facing the county.

Brooks said he feels the citizens of Coffee County, especially the senior citizens and youth, living in the rural parts of the county are left out in regards to recreation. Therefore, he proposed establishing a department of leisure services for Coffee County to better serve the people in the rural areas of the county. He also proposed asking local legislators to help locate funds to establish this program.

Brooks said a department of leisure services would offer diversified facilities, programs and events for the people.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to establish a department of leisure services in Coffee County and to place a line item in the county's budget for it. Commissioner Robert Stephens said he would second the motion to bring it to discussion.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the county's

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senior centers offer a lot of programs for the seniors. She wondered what other programs Brooks was suggesting.

Brooks responded by saying there needs to be more programs for the youth. For some living in the rural areas, he said it is hard to be involved in the recreational programs of the local municipalities.

Commissioner Stephens said he feels there are areas in the county that need something for the youth; however, he also noted that some areas in his district are well serviced by the schools.

Stephens said he believes the issue needs further study before any action is taken.

"I think it's worthwhile," Stephens said. "But only some areas are in need of it."

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple wondered what kind of budget the county would need to develop for a department of leisure services.

Brooks said a strategic plan would need to be developed. He said he could not, at this point, say how much funding would be needed. He said that is something that needs to be worked out through committee.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to table the issue

trucks and equipment, but the proposed act would supply additional funds for equipment, training and insurance.

McCollough said the act must be voted on by the electors of Coffee County, and therefore, his presence at the Commission meeting was to ask for commissioners support in getting this issue to the voters. He said he will present the proposed act to legislators and ask them to work to get the issue on a ballot to allow the people to vote and decide.

Later in the meeting, McCollough said the vote of the commission will not prevent him from asking local legislators to get the proposed act on a ballot for vote. He said he was only asked for the commission's support in getting it on a ballot. Now, he said he'll just take a different approach and continue to move forward with the issue.



Wesley DeVane, transportation supervisor for Elba City Schools, checks the safety equipment on one of the buses used each school day to deliver students to and from school. DeVane said the school system places "safety first" when it comes to the students. As transportation supervisor, he works to make sure every measure is taken on the school's behalf to keep the students safe. Motorists also are urged to take every precaution to travel safely when around the school buses and to obey all traffic laws.

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Commissioner Robert Stephens said he could not support the motion if the Commission is not sure it supports the proposed act itself.

The motion failed by a 3-4 vote. Voting in favor were commissioners Weeks, Westbrook and Berne Brooks. The opposing votes came from commissioners Stephens, Tom Grimsley, Jim Thompson and Doug Dalrymple.

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Later in the meeting, Commissioner J.L. Weeks made a motion with a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook to support the proposed Emergency Service Act being placed on a ballot to go before the voters of Coffee County.

act," said Driscoll. "Let them decide."

Driscoll said the county's fire departments need the additional funding the proposed EMS act would generate to continue to operate. Without additional funding, he said fire departments in the county will possibly have to start cutting back on some of the services they currently provide.

"Our costs are raising dramatically," said Driscoll. "We can't keep up with the growth the way we are going right now."

A member of the audience said he had spoken with Rep. Terry Spicer and Spicer indicated it is possible to get the proposed act on a ballot without the commission's support for allowing the voters to decide the fate of the proposed act.

Roberts said she believes the issue is something that should be put "in the laps of the Coffee County voters" to decide for themselves. She said it is her opinion that the proposed act is not a political decision but rather a preparedness decision.

Tim Driscoll, fire chief of the Tri-Communities Volunteer Fire Department, was next to address commissioners regarding the proposed EMS act. During his years with the department, he said he has seen incident responses increase for many different reasons.

"What we are asking you to do today is let the people of Coffee County vote on it (EMS act) during the Coffee County BOE meeting.

Superintendent reports good start to 2007-08 school year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday morning, Aug. 23, for a special meeting of the board, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram reported a good start to the new school year.

Dr. Ingram said the new school year is seemingly off to a good start with exception of the extreme heat the area has been experiencing lately. She added, however, that the schools have been taking "hot weather precautions" for such activities as physical education, band, football, etc.

Dr. Ingram said as of Thursday (the 12th day of the 2007-08 school year), enrollment for the Coffee County Schools was up by 35 students as compared to the 12th day of last school year. She also offered an individual enrollment report for each school.

According to Dr. Ingram, the 12th day of the new school year had 528 students at Kinston Schools (up 27 students from the same day last year); 385 students at New Brockton Elementary School (up five students from the same day last year); 394 students at New Brockton High School (up 11 students from the same day last year); and 759 students at Zion Chapel Schools (down seven students from the same day last year).

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"I hope this will finish us up," said Dr. Ingram in regards to filling the personnel vacancies for the new school year.

Employments recommended by the superintendent and approved by the board included:

Certified:

* Employ Daphne Coppage as a physical education teacher at Zion Chapel School

Support:

* Employ Kelly Yaden as a part-time custodian at Zion Chapel School

* Employ Tabatha Sanders as a part-time custodian at Zion Chapel School

* Employ Ann Faulk as a part-time custodian at Zion Chapel School

* Employ Bertie Thomas as an LPN at New Brockton Elementary School

* Employ Brandi DeSandro as an instructional aide at New Brockton Elementary School

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Area Happenings

THE 2007 FOOTBALL SEASON begins Friday, Aug. 31, with all areas teams in action. The Elba Tigers will host the Brantley Bulldogs, the New Brockton Gators will host the Zion Chapel Rebels, and the Kinston Bulldogs will host the Geneva County Kickers for all games in T-Play.

THE CITY OF ELBA will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. There will be steady coverage by the Elba Police Department for U.S. 84 through the Riverview area involved in the flood buyouts.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold its regular meeting to review the recommended budget for fiscal year 2007-08. The regular board meeting is set for 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Shiloh Hill Road, Elba. The special public hearing will be Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office in Elba, with a voter poll preceding following the hearing to review the proposed budget. Budget forms will be available at the school system's office prior to the hearing.

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Due to the holiday, there will be a special meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office in Elba.

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